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Applicant:	Phipps et al.	Attorney Docket No.	Arc 2426CIP1
Serial No.:	08/952,368	Group Art Unit:	3763
Filed:	17 November 1997	Examiner:	Sadula, J.
Title:	Electrotransport Agent Delivery Method and Apparatus		

Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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This is a petition to withdraw a holding of abandonment, notice of which was mailed on 27 November 2000 and received by Applicant on 04 December 2000. It should be noted that the papers received included two cover sheets. The first sheet, as noted above, was dated 27 November 2000 and the second cover sheet was dated 28 February 2000. A copy of each cover sheet and the Notice of Abandonment is included herein.

The Notice of Abandonment was based upon the Examiner's assertion that no response to the 28 July 2000 Office Action had been received.

Applicants did respond to that Office Action by depositing the response and all appropriate paperwork with the United States Postal Service on 28 January 2000.

An acknowledgement post card was received by the OIPE on 07 February 2000 and mailed back to Applicants who received it on 14 February 2000. A full and correct copy of all paper work is attached hereto.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment, and prompt resumption of prosecution of this pending application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 4 January, 2001

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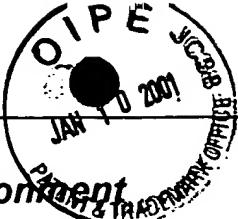
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Notice of Abandonment

Application No. 08/952,368 Applicant(s) PHIPPS et al.

Examiner Jennifer R. Sadula Group Art Unit 3763



This application is abandoned in view of:

applicant's failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on Jul 28, 1999.

A response (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____, which is after the expiration of the period for response (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.

A proposed response was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper response to the final rejection.
(A proper response to a final rejection consists only of: a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; a Notice of Appeal; or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.62 (FWC)).

No response has been received.

applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.

The issue fee (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____.

The submitted issue fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____.

The issue fee has not been received.

applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability.

Proposed new formal drawings (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) were received on _____.

The proposed new formal drawings filed _____ are not acceptable.

No proposed new formal drawings have been received.

the express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.62(g) in favor of the FWC application filed on _____.

the letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.

the letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.

the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.

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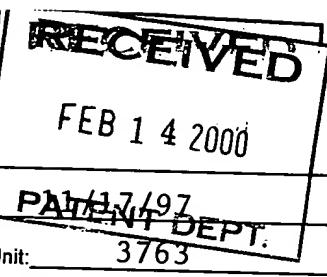
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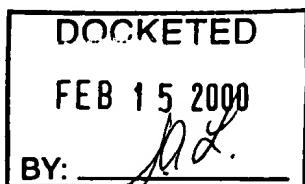
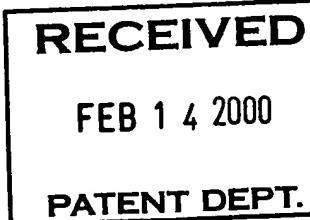
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
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In Re Application Of: **PHIPPS, J. Bradley, et al.**

Serial No.
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Filing Date
 November 17, 1997

Examiner
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Group Art Unit
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Invention: **ELECTROTRANSPORT AGENT DELIVERY METHOD AND APPARATUS**



TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of July 28, 1999 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months
 from: October 28, 1999 until: January 28, 2000
Date *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is \$870 and is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-1173
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)

Applicant(s): PHIPPS, J. Bradley, et al.

Docket No.

ARC 2426 CIP1

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Invention: ELECTROTRANSPORT AGENT DELIVERY METHOD AND APPARATUS



TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	26 -	26 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0	x \$78.00	\$0.00
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

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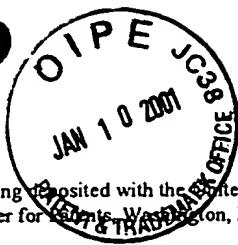
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Applicant: PHIPPS et al.
Serial No.: 08/952,368
Filed: 17 November 1997
Title: Electrotransport Agent Delivery Method and Apparatus

Attorney Docket No. ARC 2426C2
Group Art Unit: 3763
Examiner: SADULA, J.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action in this application dated 28 July 1999, has been carefully reviewed. In response, the Applicants have amended the claims and provided the remarks herein. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims as amended.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) An electrotransport device for in vivo delivery of a charged agent through a body surface at a higher electrotransport agent delivery efficiency (E) defined by the agent delivery rate per unit of applied current; the device (10) having a donor reservoir (26, 46) containing the

charged agent and having a delivery area, and having a source of electrical power (32) and a current controller (19, 40), the device (10) being characterized by:

the current controller (19, 40) being adapted to provide an applied pulsing DC current having a periodic current waveform, a pulsing frequency, and a duty cycle, the pulsing current applied to the reservoir (26, 46) and to the body surface, wherein an applied current density is defined by the applied pulsing current divided by the delivery area, and wherein [the body surface exhibits] a higher electrotransport agent delivery efficiency (E) state is induced in the body surface when the applied current density is greater than or equal to a critical current density level (I_c) and the applied pulsing current is applied for greater than or equal to a critical time period (t_c).

14. (Amended) A method of in vivo delivery of a charged agent from an electrotransport delivery device (10) through a body surface at higher electrotransport agent delivery efficiency (E) defined by the agent delivery rate per unit of applied current; the device (10) having a donor reservoir (26, 46) containing the agent and having a delivery area, and having a source of electrical power (32) and a current controller (19, 40), the method being characterized by the steps of:

adapting the current controller (19, 40) to provide an applied pulsing DC current having a periodic current waveform, a pulsing frequency, and a duty cycle, the pulsing current applied to the reservoir (26, 46) and to the body surface, wherein an applied current density is defined by the applied pulsing current divided by the delivery area, and wherein [the body surface exhibits] a higher electrotransport agent delivery efficiency (E) state is induced in the body surface when the applied current density is greater than or equal to a critical current density level

(L_c) and the applied pulsing current is applied for greater than or equal to a critical time period (t_c).

REMARKS

Objection to the Specification

The examiner has indicated that there was no abstract filed. Our records indicated that an abstract was filed and is found on page 35. Please find enclosed a copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicating that a copy of the international application in English has been received by the United States Patent Office. Please also find enclosed a copy of the first page of the published PCT application showing the abstract. We have included a copy of page 35 which includes an identical abstract to that shown on the PCT publication of the same application.

Rejection under 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6-16, 18-21, and 24-26 as being anticipated by Tapper, USPN 5,224,927. Amendments have been made herein to independent claims 1 and 14 in which the pulsing current is more particularly claimed as a pulsing DC current. Because Tapper recites only an AC current, it does not anticipate the instant claims.

The Examiner makes reference to waveforms having segments and that the segments can be of any number and that the segments can start and stop wherever and whenever "one of ordinary skill wishes to interpret them". Applicant is puzzled by this discussion as there is no language about "segments" in any of the claims. Further, the Examiner asserts that "... applicant is claiming mathematical calculations of the raw data..."